Evolution Debate

Sometimes Christians are drawn into debating evolution and creation. Sometimes both parties are polite and respectful to one another. Sometimes an Atheist seeks answers from a believer sincerely, and the questions that are presented are genuine. Sometimes a good conversation can develop, and some light can be shed on the matter. I of course am speaking from a Christian standpoint here (in case it wasn't obvious.)

First, I want to state that we as Christians are advised not to engage in debates. This is because more often than not, the unbeliever is attempting to undermine, and even attack, however subtly, faith in God, His Word, and His creation. When engaging in debate over evolution and creation, more often than not, you'll be hitting a brick wall. The unbeliever is usually not sincerely seeking wisdom, or to have anything explained. Rather, their goal is to "come at you", demand "evdence", and do a little mocking while they're at it.

We as Christians may occasionally find ourselves in conversations like this, or we ourselves may be the ones initiating it. But to engage in a battle of the wits on the matter doesn't please God. Also, it provokes our flesh - emotions, feelings, pride, anger, etc - and this is not healthy in our walk with Him.

So what should be said or done, when an unbeliever attempts to engage with a Christian on this subject?

This is only my opinion of course. First things first - step back, and pray on it. Pray for guidance on the matter. God may put on your heart to go in and have a conversation, but pull away when it gets heated. Or, He may shut your mouth, and pull you away from talking about it completely. But no matter what, pray first.

Secondly, I have noticed a common tactic in the evolution camp's debating techniques. Almost always, they demand that you "present evidence". Lay it out on the table, right then and there, for their scrutiny. If you fall for this, you will be ripped to shreds. Whatever you say or show them as "evidence" for creation will be immediately cast down. They're ready for you. They've already studied. They already have their answers in place to fire back at you.

The mindset of evolutionists is all centered around evidence and facts. That's how they got to where they are today, is by studying the (false, fabricated) "evidence and facts" regarding evolution. Now, well equipped and educated, they come at us, believers in God's Word, demanding the "counter claims" to their stand. The problem with trying to deal with them on their way of thinking is you can't fit God and His creation into a textbook, or a thesis, or any other educational application of the world. We are not called to be the defense lawyers for God in a courtroom set up by Atheists, to give Him a fair trial. What evolutionists are lacking is faith (obviously), and a sincere desire to learn of God. You cannot reach into their minds and hearts, tweak it till it's softened. You have to trust that God, if He is willing, will open their eyes. Nothing is impossible with Him.

When you sincerely choose to learn of God, you step in through faith. You open His Word, sit down, and begin to take it all in. It's a process. In time, if wisdom is sincerely sought, He will reveal Himself to the newcomer in His kingdom, in His own way, and in His own timing.

Evolutionists are banging on a closed door, and God allows it to remain closed, as long as He sees

that their minds are closed against Him. But if the seeking person should ever take a step forward in faith, God will allow that door to slowly open, and richly bless that person with an abundance of wisdom.

About the "evidence" the unbelievers demand - it does exist. But it's futile to offer it up in a debate. This book or that, this link or that. No. If they are still debating, they are not in a position to truly be receptive to whatever you have to offer.

Here's a solution. Without giving links, or naming ministries, simply tell the person who is demanding "evidence" for creation this -- there are many wonderful Biblical Creation ministries out there today, that do provide factual evidence, and also disprove the so-called evidence for evolution. Many teachers and educators are helping us to understand these things better. If a person is truly, sincerely looking for teaching on Biblical creation, tell them to go and look it up, and study it for themselves. If they demand a link to this or that, use college as an analogy. Remind them of the years of study they themselves invested in learning in whatever field they are in. Remind them of the time it took, and the fact that they made a choice to go get higher learning. Remind them of the different courses and teachers that helped pave the way to whatever degree they gained. Also, the homework - the personal responsibility to digest the learning material. You can say, this is how learning about God is. I can't present you with just one book, video, or link. You, like choosing to attend college to obtain your education, must choose to embark on a whole new journey of learning. It takes time, but He gives wisdom to all who seek it. (This is a good analogy as to why you can't answer their demands right then and there as to why "evolution is wrong", but little do they know, learning about creation is far less complicated and time consuming than college. Spending time with just one or two good ministries on the subject is educational enough, but they'll see that for themselves.)

All this being said, the most important thing is to pray for that person. If God is willing, He will open eyes and ears.

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